



The Second Sunday of Easter

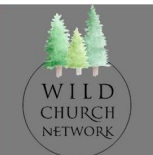
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Image: "Jesus Shows Himself to Thomas" by Rowan and Irene LeCompte, one of six mosaic murals by artists Rowan and Irene LeCompte in the Resurrection Chapel at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., USA



**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**



**CEASE
FIRE
NOW**

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch!

Christ Is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey but we share a guiding sacred story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarised in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God—with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, uncertain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

As a witness to unity in diversity, the AbbeyChurch is an affirming (full inclusion and leadership of 2SLGBTQIA+ folk) shared ministry of The United Church of Canada and The Anglican Church of Canada.

We draw on those spiritual traditions, as well as others across the Christian spectrum. We're also connected to Emmaus, an intentional community that is inspired by monasticism and whose members make commitments to prayer, presence and simplicity.

We believe that Christ's love and grace binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

Land Acknowledgement

The AbbeyChurch acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the Ləkʷəŋən peoples', the Songhees and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations. We strive to journey toward reparation, right relationship and reconciliation with justice. We confess the complicity of our religious traditions and institutions in the loss of life, lands, languages, spiritualities and cultures of the First Peoples' of these lands.

We pause in silence to remember and to recall the land under our feet, the hidden rivers, the trees and flowers and shifting seasons. We are grateful for the ongoing wisdom, stewardship and tending of these lands and apprentice ourselves to this good work of caring for creation and seeking to live in right-relationship with each other.

We Gather

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome - Announcements - Land Acknowledgment

Opening Song: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling
joy of Heaven to Earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art,
Visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee,
changed from glory into glory,
'til in Heaven we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Text: Charles Wesley; tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Prichard.
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Opening Words

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you!

May he fill our hearts with joy!

Collect of the Day

Let us Pray: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life. **Amen.** *Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

Sung Collect for Purity: Almighty God

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
Search and know our thoughts
and anxious fears
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy
Come with your light,
we cannot hide from you

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
With gratitude we raise our song to you
Come and fill the praises of your people

In grace and truth,
you make us new again

Refrain: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
We long for more
than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
Your river deep floods over everything
Refrain.

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The Poem

Chosen by Molly LeBlanc - Poet-in-Residence

We Proclaim

The Reading A reading from the First letter of Peter: (1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord,
"You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; *
because you are at my side I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your hand are pleasures for evermore.

You are invited to rise in body or spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory, glory, Hallelujah, Jesus rose up from the ground! x2

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The Gospel

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops. **With our words and with our lives!**

A reading from the Gospel according to John (20:19-31)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then

the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! **Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!**

Gospel Acclamation *repeated as above*

The Sermon

Michelle Slater

Bell. Silence for reflection. Bell.

We Confirm

The Confirmation

At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ, we have the opportunity to confirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism. As those who have been baptised profess for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured, we gather to reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit and to celebrate the place of Zion, Amaya and Abi in the people of God. We give thanks for their gifts as witnessed in this community of faith and promise to continue to walk with them. With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith we all share and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

The candidates along with their parents and presenters are invited forward at this time

Presentation of Candidates

On behalf of the congregation of AbbeyChurch, I present Abigail Humphrey, Amaya Crosby-Shearer and Zion Crosby-Shearer for confirmation as they seek to renew the faith proclaimed in their baptism

The bishop asks the candidates,

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

The bishop addresses the congregation, saying,

As a baptized and baptizing church, will you continue to support and nurture these persons within a community that worships God, resists evil and seeks justice?

We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Prayers for the Candidates

The presider then says,

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as Yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

The presider says to the congregation,

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The bishop, presenters and community members are invited to lay hands upon each one and the bishop says,

Strengthen, O God, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. **Amen.**

Then the bishop says,

Let us pray, Almighty and ever living God, let your hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presentation of a Bible

(Amaya, Abi, Zion) on behalf of the AbbeyChurch, receive this bible, which bears witness to the story and the promise of God come near in Jesus Christ. May you know you always have a home with us at AbbeyChurch. And with all of your siblings in Christ, may you continue to grow in faith and trust in God's promises.

We welcome the newly confirmed!

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace to those near you.

Offering: Contributions to our common life can be made at the back of the space (now or later) in the boxes or using debit or credit card. You can e-transfer donations to treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca (that's our preferred method) or donate to AbbeyChurch / Emmaus via CanadaHelps by using the QR Code on the last page of this leaflet. All donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

The Offertory Song : I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In celebration, Lord, walk with me; In celebration, Lord, walk with me;

When the joys of life can't be mistaken, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me; In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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We Celebrate

As we prepare for this holy feast, we are reminded that all are welcome at Jesus's wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey.

If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing rather than bread and wine, simply place your hands across your chest.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Let us pray,

With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen!

(Hope Lutheran)

The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, for you are the God of creation and new Creation, of covenant and new Covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom and you have walked the path from the depths of death to the glory of Resurrection Life. And so we gladly praise you, joining with all the company of Heaven and your creation, as we sing the hymn of your unending praise:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. repeat

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Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for Christ is risen! And around the table once more we proclaim that Jesus, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying Take and Eat, This is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and gave it to his companions, saying drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the Forgiveness of sins do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith!

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Hope and joy are our breath, merciful God, for in a garden of life, you have rolled away the stone of fear and despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of sin, the stone of death.

As you did in creation, so too in the wonder of resurrection - send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of the risen Christ. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your life, that all who labour, all who weep, all who hunger, all who rejoice shall meet you in the breaking of the bread. Shape your church to be your risen body, a diverse and beautiful garden of your Spirit, until you come again and we feast together in your kingdom and all are made one in your love. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen! Alleluia!**

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

Our Father (Mother/Source/Parent)

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is kept.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*All are welcome (none compelled!) to receive at Jesus' table!
The bread is gluten-free, there are also rice crackers available.
Grape juice is in the small cups. It is wine (port) in the larger chalice.*

Song (pre-recorded): Father let your Kingdom Come

Porter's Gate Worship Project, Mason Jar Music, 2017, CCLI

Song: O Sons and Daughters

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
Over death to-day rose triumphant.
Alleluia! *refrain.*

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! *refrain.*

At night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their Master dear
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia! *refrain.*

Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, My feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be.
Alleluia! *refrain.*

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
Thou art my Lord and God, he cried.
Alleluia! *refrain.*

How blest are they who have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia! *refrain*

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What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save;
and on that cross when Jesus died
the love of God was magnified;
as every sin on Him was laid;
now in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
held in the precious love of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!
Getty and Townend, 2001, Thankyou Music, CCL

The Prayer After Communion

God of all, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other, through Jesus
Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Anglican Church of Canada

We Are Sent

The Blessing

Closing Song: My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are my peace in the troubled sea (x2)

safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore

In the silence, You won't let go
In my questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are my peace in the troubled sea (x2)

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea (R)

(R) My Lighthouse, My lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us safe to shore (R)
Rend Collective, 2013, ThankYou Music, CCLI

The Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

Postlude: You Shall go out with Joy

You shall go out with joy and be let forth with peace -
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy And all the trees of the fields - will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the fields will clap their hands (x x). (x3) While you go out with joy

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Please join us after worship for a slice of cake to celebrate our confirmands!

Weekday Prayer with the Emmaus Community

@ Emmaus/AbbeyChurch Upper Room (off the Balmoral parking lot, up the metal stairs)

Mondays 9 am - Morning Prayer w/ Centering Prayer - approx 45 mins. In-person only.

Tuesdays 9 am - approx 25-30 mins - in-person and online.

Thursdays 8:15 am - morning prayer - The Upper Room and online on zoom.

Fridays 8:15 am - morning prayer - *on-line zoom only*

Contact us for information on the accessible entrance or zoom/liturgies link.

Open to any and all!

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